

Dear student,

THE STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE.

In light of the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic that has southern Africa and the world in its grip, the Board of Directors and Organising Committee (OC) of SATC 2020 have had to make decisions around the conference so that you have greater certainty on your schedules and plans during the second half of 2020.

The Board of Directors and the Organising Committee of SATC 2020 have agreed to postpone the conference until the same time in 2021.

Instead of a gathering in Pretoria on 6 to 9 July 2020, the Board of Directors has asked the OC of SATC 2020 to consider organising transport sector Webinars later in the year, which will focus on current issues. The topics of the Webinars, their details and the invitations to join in will be communicated on our website and to our mailing list. Please send an e-mail to satc.conference@gmail.com, should you wish to be added to the mailing list.

This decision also affects the annual STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION which is open to all students at tertiary institutions. We would like to encourage the Universities to continue with the process and select two winners from each institution for 2020. The winning essays will be published in the next (SATC 2021) proceedings. The students will therefore not be penalised in any way and will be invited to attend next year's SATC. Transport (for students within South Africa) and accommodation will be sponsored to next year's event.

We will extend the deadline to 11 June. Students are reminded to prepare a 5 page essay according to the conference paper format, on the topic, "SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION THROUGH ENABLING PARTNERSHIPS.

There will be another essay competition in 2021, focussing on the theme of next year's conference.

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The Board of Directors and the Organising Committee of SATC 2020 wish to thank you for your understanding and your continued support. These are extraordinary times that none of us could have predicted and unprecedented circumstances that none of us welcome.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Maina', with a stylized, cursive script.

Prof James Maina

Chairman: SATC 2020